



Noxious Weed Updates

2013 Commissioner's Weed Forum
Doug Goehring, Agriculture Commissioner

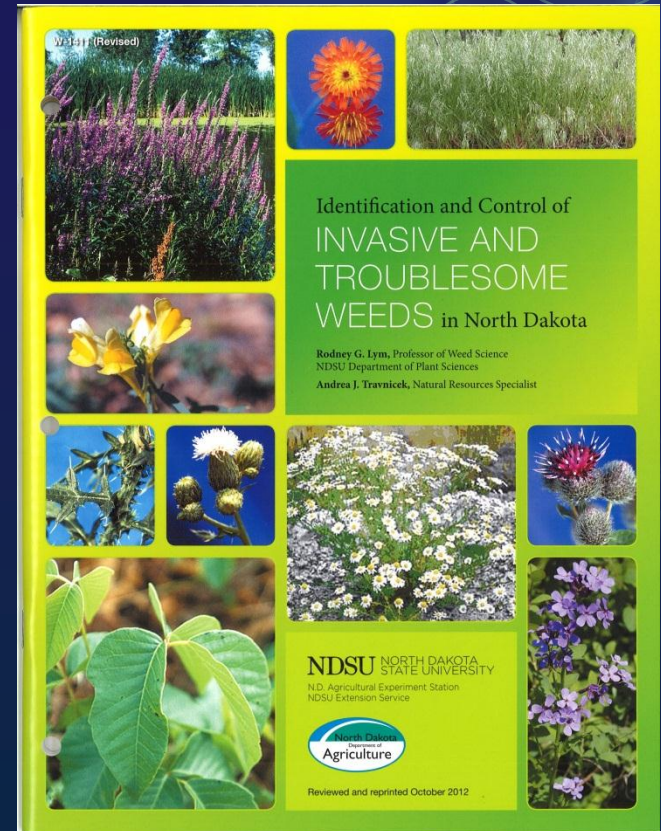
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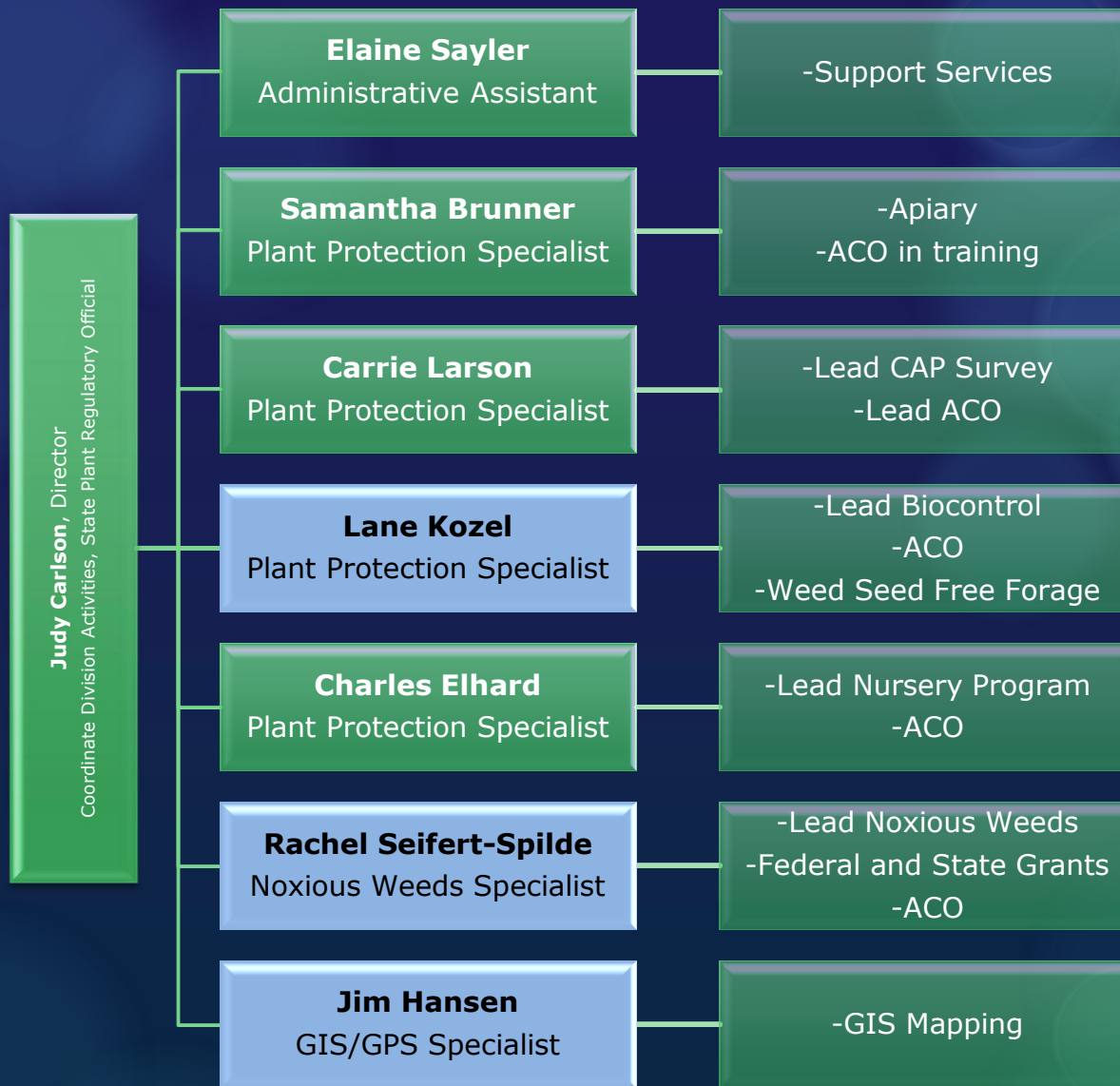
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State Funding-Noxious Weed Control - Summary

Majority of funding is legislatively appropriated out of the ERP Fund (pesticide registrations)

- Landowner Assistance Program (LAP)
 - Weed boards must qualify based on budget
 - Landowner cost-share
- Targeted Assistance Grants (TAG)
 - All weed boards qualify
 - Necessary weed board expenses (computers, equipment, herbicide, etc.)

Landowner Assistance Program

1. To qualify county/city officials must budget, from county sources, an amount equal to the revenue that could be raised by a levy of at least 3 mills for noxious weed control
2. Landowners must contribute an amount equal to at least 20% of the cost to be expended on their behalf
3. The nature and type of the landowner's contribution must be determined by the weed board

LAP Formula

LAP allocations are based on a formula agreed upon by the NDDA and the NDWCA. The LAP formula adds the results of the following three factors to determine the one-year allocation amount for each weed board:

- *Base Allocation*
- *Non-cropland factor*
- *Weed acreage factor*



LAP Program

2011-2013 biennium- 2 one-year allocations

- July 5, 2013 voucher deadline
- 46% left with 6 months remaining
- New allocations (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014) will be made in late June or early July

Targeted Assistance Grant Program (TAG)

TAG allocations have been given for the biennium, or 2-year time period. Reimbursement is 75% of a weed board's actual expenditures and will be provided upon receipt of vouchers.

Prior to making expenditures, weed board's must request their TAG allocation by submitting a TAG proposal.

One allocation for 11-13 biennium (\$4,000 per county/\$2,000 per city weed board)

54% left with 6 months remaining

Forms and Deadlines

All requests for reimbursement must be submitted on or before **July 5, 2013** and must be:

- ✓ Documented on NDDA supplied forms
- ✓ Signed by the weed board and auditor
- ✓ Be for expenditures/work completed on or before June 30, 2013

Forms can be found online at:

<http://www.nd.gov/ndda/program/noxious-weeds>

Federal Funding- Noxious Weed Control

Funds are still available for control of noxious weeds in post flood areas. Contact Rachel at 328-2983 for more information.



Annual Reporting

The 2012 annual weed board report can found, completed and submitted at:

<http://agdepartment.vision-technology.com/weedsurvey/>

Please submit by February 1, 2013

WSFF Legislation

HB1054, if passed, will allow the use of colored twine as well as tags to mark forage and/or straw as weed seed free.

WSFF inspector contracts expire June 30, 2013. If you wish to continue to act as a WSFF inspector you will need to sign a new contract prior to that date.

Questions?

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